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TREATMENT AND STEAM-TREATED  
ROASTED COFFEE BEANS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

### FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.